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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street, Hobart at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 17th February, 1966. After formal business has been completed the retiring President, Mr. M. Hurburgh will deliver the Presidential Address.

Members are reminded that nominations for all office-bearers are required and a form for your use is attached. If you cannot volunteer for an office yourself, please make every effort to obtain agreement to nominate from others.

FIELD OUTING

Saturday, 19th February: Blackman's Bay. Pioneer bus leaves 96 Harrington Street at 9 a.m. Return by bus leaving at 4.10 p.m. Leader: L. Wall.
(If the weather is warm take bathers.)

PINE CREEK CAMP, 29/31 Jan.

Members enjoyed this week-end camp just as much as the Easter camp on the same site three years ago. Twenty five made up the party this time, and they enjoyed activities ranging from swimming and under-water pursuits to scrambling over Cape Bernier in search of rock formations, bird-observing and botany.

Birds were not very plentiful, but a good list of species was compiled. We tend to think of Black Jays (Currawongs) as birds of high altitudes, but we found them almost at sea level on the south side of Cape Bernier where there seems to be a permanent colony. A Grey Fantail's nest with two newly-hatched young was found over-hanging the beach and a long way from fresh water. Satin Flycatchers were very numerous.

Very few plants were in flower, but one of these was the rather uncommon Duck Orchid (*Cryptostylis subulata*).

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due.

This is a reminder that the Committee has decided to increase these slightly to the following amounts:-

Adults	12/- (\$1.20)
Married couples	17/- (\$1.70)
Juniors	7/- (70¢)

The cost of "The Tasmanian Naturalist" is included.

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD COURSES

Our Vice President, Mr. A. Hewer, is leading a course of 10 lectures under the title "An Introduction to Natural History", commencing on 24th March.

Dr. I.S. Wilson is leading a course of 10 lectures on "The Biology of Birds" during the second term, with a follow up course in the third term if desired.

Further enquiries and bookings for these courses should be made at the A.E.B. City Centre, 16 Argyle Street, Hobart.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA

The annual meeting will be held at Launceston on 26th March. If any members wish to place items on the agenda please submit them to our Club's delegates who will be elected at our A.G.M. this month.

EASTER CAMP 1966 : Lune River : Details in next Bulletin.

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NEXT MEETING

The Club's next monthly meeting will be held at the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart at 8 p.m. on

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1966

Speaker: Dr. B. I. H. SCOTT, of the Physics Dept. of the Tasmanian University, on the the subject, "Nature's Clocks"

FIELD OUTING : Saturday, March 19.

Mr. David Milledge will lead this outing to Mt. Dromedary. Cars will leave from the Prince Theatre, Macquarie St., at 10 a.m. Bring lunch and drinks etc. in bottles or Thermos because no fires can be lit. This is a rather stiff climb, but those wishing not to ascend to the summit may spend the day on the slopes.

EASTER CAMP

The 1966 Easter camp will be held at Lune River. Club tents etc. are available for hire at \$1, (\$2), plus a similar amount which will be refunded if the equipment is returned in good order and on a date to be selected. A large recreation hut will be available, as well, probably as one or two camping huts, but to be sure campers should have their tents or cars with them in which they can sleep. More information will be given at the forthcoming meeting, March 17.

FIELD OBSERVERS GROUP: This Group's next meeting is at the Wireless Institute Room, 147 Liverpool St., Hobart, on FRIDAY, MARCH 25. at 8 p.m. Mr. David Thomas will talk on "Searching for Waders in Tasmania". Visitors are welcome.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS CLUBS OF TASMANIA:

The Annual meeting at Launceston on March 26, 1966. Members wishing to raise any matters should advise our Club delegates, Messrs M.H. Hurburgh and A. Hewer. Members other than club delegates are welcome at the meeting as observers.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB,
HOBART,
TASMANIA.

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Members are advised that to elect a new President and a new Hon. Secretary for 1966 in place of those elected at the Club's Annual Meeting in February and who are not able to take office

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD

at the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle St., Hobart,
at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, April 21, 1966.

Following this Special Meeting the Ordinary General Meeting will be held at which an illustrated talk will be given by Mr. L. E. Wall on "A Trip to Cape Portland".

For the Special General Meeting it will be necessary to have a chairman nominated from members present. Will you all make an effort to attend - and no later than 8 p.m.

OUTING. An easy and pleasant outing is envisaged for Saturday, April 30, when Mr. Wall will lead us to the homely little valley of Pawleena, out from Sorell. Bush birds, water birds, interesting plants and (possibly) mushrooms. A picnic lunch and fresh water should be taken by each member. We will meet outside the Prince of Wales Theatre, Macquarie St., at 10 a.m. to join private cars. With fine weather it should be a good outing.

NEW MEMBERS. Your Committee members feel that much more can be done to make new members welcome. Those who nominate these new members are expected to ensure that they turn up to the first meeting as far as possible and also introduce them to the officers and other members, so making them feel they are part of the Club. Remember that new members probably are not known to your President or Secretary or the other officers, and it is the responsibility of proposers to see to the introductions. If proposers themselves can't be at the meeting when a new member is likely to attend for the first time, please get in touch with some other member to see that they are made welcome.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Please renew if you owe. We have bills to meet - rent, postage, publications, and the like. Pay at meetings or at Mr. Sargison's shop, 21 Elizabeth St., Hobart, or post by letter to G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, (the Club's postal address).

M.S.R. Sharland,

for the Committee.

The next meeting will be held at the Royal
Institution, 21, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, on
Friday 12th May, 1966.

Meeting on the motor coach at Lune River and the
River Lune. Will those who have slides of
the Lune River please telephone Mr. David Thomas,
21, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. From two such
slides there should be plenty of interest for
all.

LEADER. Sister Warren.

Monday 12th May to Bonnet Hill and down to
London. Bus at 11 a.m. from 96 Harrington St.
Highgate to Bonnet Hill. Return 4.10. bus from Kingston.
In easy stroll with plenty of time for observing and
photographing. Bring water or drinks.

WIRE OBSERVERS' GROUP.

Members are invited to attend the next meeting of
the Wire Observers Group to be held on Friday the 27th
of May at 8 p.m. at the Wireless Institute Rooms, 147
Liverpool St. Robert

DRIVE-IN BLIND WATCHING.

The motor car has certainly changed the lives of
this generation. Shoppers won't come to shops without car
parks, so car parks have come to the shops in the new
shopping centres. So also with cinemas, banks, and what-else-
more.

And now we have become used to getting within a few
feet of normally shy birds by keeping in the car, and even our
movements inside it don't usually disturb them, though of
course they are off the moment we get out. This has made us
wish we could take the car out on the edge of swamps where
cars can't go, so if you see a theatrical stage cut out of
a car moving along some unlikely spot propelled by four
feet at the bottom of it, it will be us in our new potential
"hide", telescopic camera and all.



Kelsey Aves.
(Hon. Sec.).



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NEXT MEETING

The Club's next meeting will be held at the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart at 8 p.m. on

Thursday, the 16th June, 1966

SUBJECT

Dr. E. R. Guiler, Senior Lecturer in Zoology at the University of Tasmania and Chairman of the Animals and Birds Protection Board, will give a talk on the Cape Barren Goose.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Following the Special General Meeting held on April, 21st, 1966, the following are the office bearers for 1966.

President:

and

Mr. D. C. Thomas

Treasurer:

Vice-Presidents: Mr. M.S.R. Sharland

Mr. M. Hurburgh

Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. Aves

OUTING LEADER: Mr. L. E. Wall

Saturday, 18th June to Rocky Tom. Bus at 9.30 a.m. from Murray Street (for Risdon Vale). Alight at bus stop no. 18. Return from Warrane at 3.34 or 4.10 p.m.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA

The minutes of the Annual Meeting (attended on behalf of the Club by Mr. M. Hurburgh) of the Federation, held in Launceston on 26th March, 1966, have been received and are being studied by the Committee.

BADGES

Members will be issued with cardboard badges bearing their names at the next General Meeting. It will be appreciated if members will wear these at this and subsequent meetings. This is part of a drive to make new members feel at home and to increase social contacts among members.

Office Bearers and Committee members will wear distinctive badges so that they can readily be recognized and approached.

D. Thomas

PRESIDENT

Dec. 1, 1876

Mrs. Cottigan

Mrs. G. W. C.

Mrs. & Mrs. Mangini

Miss A. Ewin

Mrs. Westbrock

Miss Traci

Miss Abbott

Miss Gellibrand

Mrs. & Mrs. L. Hall

Miss Pollitt

Mrs. Bennett

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Mr. Rogers

Mrs. Sharp

Mrs. A. Cooper

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NEXT MEETING:

The Club's next monthly meeting will be held at the Royal Society's Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on Thursday, July 21st at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. B.C. Mollison and he will take as his subject, "Some Aspects of Investigations into Tasmanian Wild Life". The subject, as Mr. Mollison presents it, is an unusual one and the accompanying slides will be of the greatest interest to everyone.

FIELD OUTING:

On Saturday, July 23rd. This will be led by Mr. Mollison and will follow up, to some extent, the subject of his talk on the Thursday. The party will walk into the hills behind Granton where there are extensive and interesting sandstone caves. These caves are the haven of owls and bats and there may be other things of interest. There are also good views from the area.

Private transport: Meet at the Prince Theatre at 9.30 a.m.

BADGES:

At the last meeting the experiment was tried of members wearing name badges. The Committee feels that this is a great help for older and newer members to become acquainted and so members are urged to bring and wear the badges provided.

BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 29th July, at 8 p.m. at the Wireless Institute Room, 2nd floor, Fletcher Jones Building, 147 Liverpool St.

EXHIBITS AND OBSERVATIONS

Above all others the function of a field naturalist is to keep his eyes open to observe what is happening around him when he is out in the bush, or even in the garden or on his way to work. Man has to learn to see in the first year or two of his life. Then as he grows older he tends to ignore most of what he sees and hears. Have you stopped to listen to the "silence" of the night or really examined a square yard of apparently bare ground? It's always rewarding. And, often, what seems at first to be a trivial observation may lead to useful further points of interest.

So we do like to hear your observations at meetings and to see the exhibits you bring.

AN APPRECIATION

This Club has been fortunate over the 60 odd years of its existence in having had many members who worked tirelessly and faithfully for the Club in whatever direction their particular talents lay. One of these was the late Mrs. Fleming. Though by no means young in years, she attended practically all field outings, encouraging young and not-so-young by her quiet enthusiasm.

Her talents in cooking, even under the difficulties of open fires, wind and rain, will be remembered by all who worked on the Advance Parties of Easter Camps. She stuffed mattresses and tidied up camp so that each tent was a home from home when the main party arrived. She always worked hard in the tedious anticlimax of cleaning and sorting gear at Sargie's home after the Camp was over. She was a good camper and a fine field naturalist.

Attendance, 21/7/66

D. G. Thomas & J. Thomas
H. K. Aves
L & M. Wall
Mangini's
A. T. Caines
D. Ziegeles
A & R. Hewes
E. Thorpe
Mrs. Allitham
A. Cooper
Mrs. Urquhart
P. Webster
M. Sturbridge
M. Bennett
D. Milledge
Nicholas (3)
Miss Pollit
D. Mosey
N. Brothers
M. Fraser
M. Abbott
B. Morrison
M. Aves
M. Washington
Mrs. Stephens

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NEXT MEETING

The Club's next monthly meeting will be held at the Royal Society's Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Hobart on Thursday, August 18th at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. G. Reber, Honorary Research Fellow, Division of Radiophysics, C.S.I.R.O., and his subject will be "Twining Vires". An entertaining speaker, Dr. Reber will tell us of some interesting experiments he has made.

FIELD OUTING

On Saturday, August 20th, there will be an excursion to Shag Bay, north of Risdon, to be led by Mr. A. Hewer. Catch 9.30 Risdon Vale bus from Murray St. and alight at bus stop 18 (same bus stop as the Rocky Tcm trip).

YOUR COMMITTEE

Following on Mr. M. Hurburgh's report to the Club on the activities of the Federation of Field Naturalist Clubs, your Committee has discussed these points in some detail. It recommends that our Club support the Federation's wish to have a reserve of coastal heath and sand dune declared, as most of our National Parks are in montane and alpine areas and it is felt that preservation of a variety of natural habitats should be one of the overall aims. Before supporting the Federation's suggestion of a campaign to have the Walls of Jerusalem area declared as a reserve, or that more money should be spent on National Parks, the Committee feels that an all-embracing case for selection of reserves and parks with maximum conservation possibilities should be made out. The Committee supports the suggestion that roadside trees in Epping Forest be preserved, and that the Federation should have a representative on the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park Board.

PLACE OF MEETING

Your Committee has also considered suggestions from Club members that possibilities of informal discussion and friendly chat would be improved if a cup of tea could be provided after the meeting. This would not be possible at the Royal Society's Room, and movement there is limited by the seating arrangements. Also the 10 o'clock closing rule often means an abrupt end to the meeting.

Other meeting places have therefore been considered but lack of a central situation and consequent transport problems for those without cars pose more problems. Also, the Club was originally formed as an offshoot of the Royal Society and there are many advantages in continuing to hold meetings within the Museum.

The Committee would like expressions of opinion from members on these points and it is proposed to discuss them at the next general meeting.

THE WEB OF LIFE

If you have ever wondered whether you are of any use in the world, cheer up - you are ! Quoting from W.J. Genery in the "Victorian Naturalist" for May, '66, "Many mosquitoes feed on man: the skin is easily pierced and a plentiful supply of blood is always available: this blood is rich in proteins and vitamins and contains mineral salts; and all these are required to give the mosquito the extra energy that it requires to fly around until it has found a number of suitable pools or ditches to deposit the eggs so that the larvae upon hatching are assured of a generous supply of food".

Mosquitoes of the world, unit to "Ban the Dimp"!

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NEXT MEETING

The Club's next monthly meeting will be held at the Royal Society's Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on Thursday, September 15th at 7.45 p.m. (Note earlier time). The speaker will be Mr. M.S.R. Sharland, and his subject will be "Birds of Cape York Peninsula". One of the foremost ornithologists and journalists of Australia, Mr. Sharland has been a member of the Club since his boyhood and is one of the "giants" among naturalists of whom the Club has numbered so many amongst its members since its foundation 60 years ago.

FIELD OUTING

On Saturday, September 17th the Club's field excursion will be to Glen Huon Falls. The district and the season should provide plenty of interest. Meet at the Prince Theatre at 9 o'clock.

Leader: Miss Anne Cooper.

MEETING PLACE

The Club at its last meeting discussed the possibility of changing its meeting place, but resolved not to move from the Museum. However, in order to try to provide more time for conversation and comparing notes and observations after the talk, it was resolved to make the experiment of starting the meeting at 7.45 instead of 8 o'clock. Please try to arrive in time for the earlier start.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

☐ There are still a few subscriptions overdue. (Yours is if there is a cross here). These can be paid at the next meeting, or at Sargison's, 21 Elizabeth St., or post them to the Treasurer, Box 68A, G.P.O., Hobart. No further Bulletins will be sent to non-financial members.

BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP

Will meet at Wireless Institute Room, 147 Liverpool Street, Hobart at 8 p.m. on Friday, 30th September. Visitors welcome.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS

Many members are aware that Mr. R.N. Smith has been growing these plants from seed as a hobby and that the product of this hobby is a large number of of fascinating and sturdy plants which Mr. Smith gives free to people who will provide the plants with a home and who will take a lively interest in their progress. If you have a native garden, or a space for natives, Mr. Smith will be very pleased to supply you with these enchanting plants without cost. His address is 128, Nelson Rd., Sandy Bay, but please telephone him first at 52186, which is his home number. Those members who have already met Mr. Smith in his "nursery" garden will know what a fascinating place it is, and will inevitably have caught some of his infectious enthusiasm.

"WE, THE DESTROYERS"

An excellent and self-confessed propaganda film with the above title has been shown this month on Channel 6. Alan Moorehead commented on the desolation which has been wrought in Australia since 1800 by unthinking men intent only on short-term financial profit. Loss of trees has caused loss of birds and increase of insect pests of agriculture which they feed on. Bulldozed rainforests never regenerate and are gone forever - a close community which has evolved over millions of years. Penguins on Phillip Island are an example of conservation where wild birds now have no fear of humans. Moorehead's commentary was given in a quiet and very sincere manner and on this Channel in particular may have reached the hearts of some of those for whom it was intended.

KELSEY AVES (Hon.Sec.)

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Bass, Walter (2).
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in the B. S.

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M. S. S. (2).

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FIELD OUTING

Saturday, October 22nd, to Tinderbox and then on to Fern Tree and 'St. Chad'. Purpose - to see as many as possible of Tasmania's 14 endemic species of birds. A highlight should be several pairs of nesting forty spotted pardalotes. Also a last chance to see the birds at 'St. Chad', as Mr. & Mrs. Boss-Walker are moving house shortly.

All members willing to provide transport and those who require it please ring Mr. David Milledge, the leader of the outing, at 5-1949.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Easter Camps have been discussed, with the possibility of work being done on projects which might provide useful material for the University.

The Committee has also discussed action to support the submission of the South West Committee, also that of the Federation of Field Naturalist Clubs of Tasmania.

'WILDLIFE'

Correspondence has been received from the management of the magazine 'Wildlife in Australia'. Until now it has been run largely by work on a voluntary basis, but to maintain and improve it a more professional approach is being made under the Editorship of Dr. Vincent Serventy.

The magazine is undoubtedly a good one and worthy of our support and some of our members are regular readers. It would assist the magazine if the Club obtained copies on an annual basis at 20% discount and this suggestion will be put to members at the general meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING

For the last meeting of the year the Committee has proposed that this should take the form of a 'Question Night'. Burnie Club has had several such meetings and they are always popular. So please bring along your questions on matters of natural history and we hope someone will answer them.

HERE HERE!!

"Despite their insistent presence and the rather sombre colour of their drooping leaves, one grows to love the Eucalypt of the Australian forests, not only for its peculiar beauty and the wealth of life which it attracts, but also for its usefulness and the associations of pleasant camp life which it calls up. ... in the evening what splendid camp fires can be built up from the fallen boughs which everywhere litter the ground, and even the green branches with their leaves blaze up with a clear flame, loading the night air with the incense of their oils and the very spirit of health". Geoffrey Smith, 'A Naturalist in Tasmania'.

Kelsey Aves (Hon. Sec.)

A. Kellock,
120 Forest St. *Ballarat.*

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A very important prelude to this part of the meeting will be a short talk by Professor Jackson of the Botany Department of the University on some suggestions for serious projects for the Easter Camp and for round-the-year observations which could be useful to the University as well as interesting and worthwhile for members. The active co-operation of Professor Jackson and the University is greatly appreciated and we hope for a record attendance of members at this meeting.

FIELD OUTING

Saturday, November 19th, to Carlton Bluff. Black-fronted dotterels should be seen, also red-capped and hooded dotterels and pied oyster catchers. Swim if you like, and bring a barbecue tea if you fancy watching a sunset over Frederick Henry Bay (colours not guaranteed, but probable).

Private transport. Meet at the Prince Theatre at 9.45 a.m. If you can offer transport, or need it, please notify the leader, Mr. K.Aves, either at the meeting, or at 51742 (home) or 343831 (business)

BIRD OBSERVERS GROUP

Will meet at the Wireless Institute Room,
147 Liverpool Street, Hobart, at 8 p.m. on Friday,
November 25th. Visitors welcome.

"SARGISON ENTERPRISES UNLTD."

Best wishes to young Sargie in his new
venture - at an age when most of us would think we
had earned a rest.

But we imagine that if we asked Sargie
what his recipe is for a long and happy life he
would advise - early to bed and early to rise,
plenty of work and enjoy it, a change of work now
and then (holiday), always be making something and
have a mighty strong interest in and love for your
fellow man.

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1967.

The present and future of any Club depend
very much on the keenness and enthusiasm of all its
members, and perhaps even more on its office-bearers
and committee. So please give really serious con-
sideration to this matter so that when nomination
forms are sent to you in February you will be ready
to nominate ! The coming year promises to be an
exciting one for our Club, so - A Happy Naturalist
New Year to all members !

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